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CHAPTER V ◆ *Confession*

WHY...
WHAT'S WRONG...?
AKIYOSHI
I DON'T WANT NEE-CHAN TO GO AWAY LIKE MOTHER
I'M SCARED,

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I'M OKAY LOOK AT ME, I'M FINE, AREN'T I?
THE CURRENT MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS A REALLY CONSID-ERATE PERSON
BUT...YOU NEVER KNOW...
...WHAT WILL I EVER DO WITH YOU-
C'MERE...
WHAT THE HECK?
OH JUST COME HERE! COME GIVE BIG SIS A HUG!

WORRIES, WORRIES, GO AWAY-
IT'S ALL RIGHT, EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE OKAY-
NO EXCUSES!
NO WAY. THAT'S TOO EM-BARRASS-ING
YEP!
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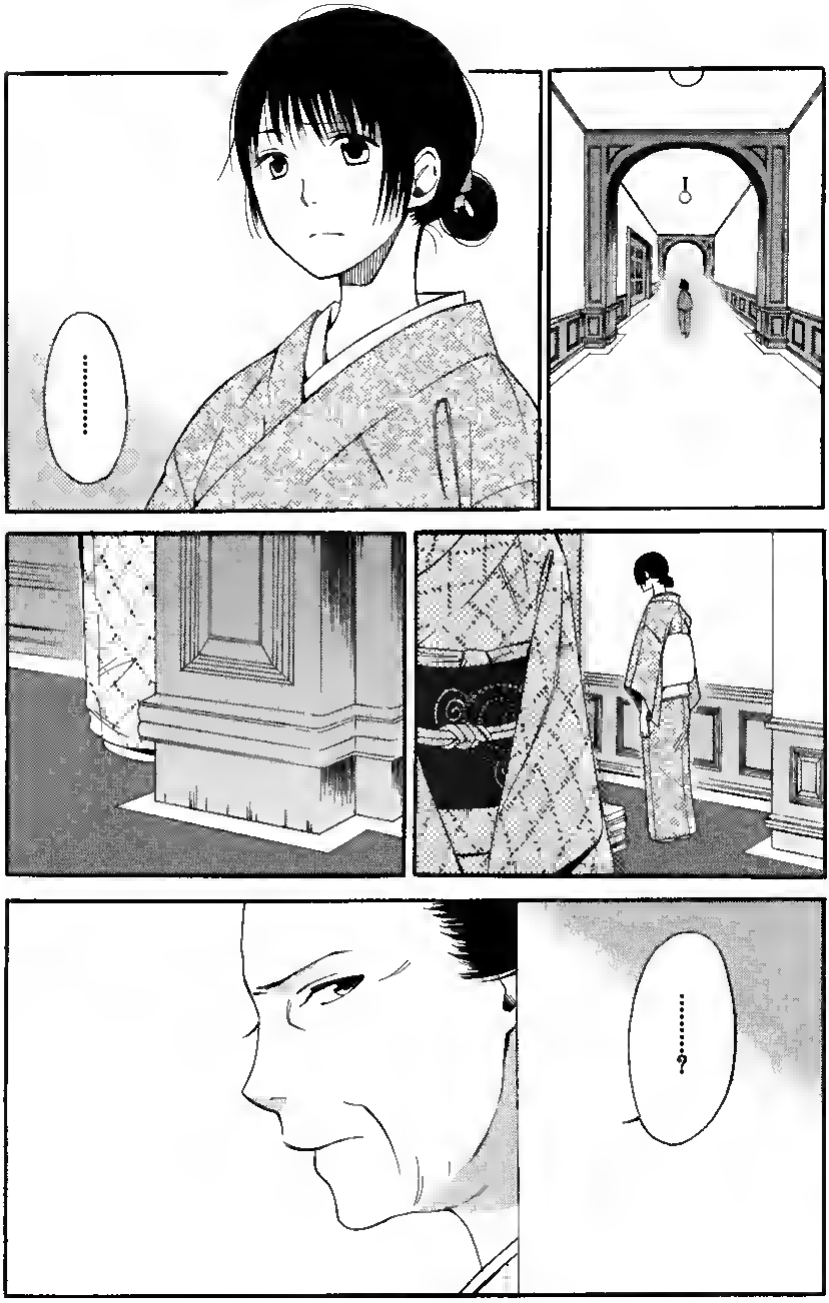

IT'S QUITE DIRTY, ISN'T IT?
WHAT IN THE-?!
THE FLOOD SEEMS TO HAVE SUB-SIDED
YES, THEY'VE GONE HOME
THIS MUCH IS NOTHING
DID THE PEOPLE LEAVE AL-READY?
PURE SILK FOR REFUGEES TO LAY ON...IS THAT NECES-SARY?!

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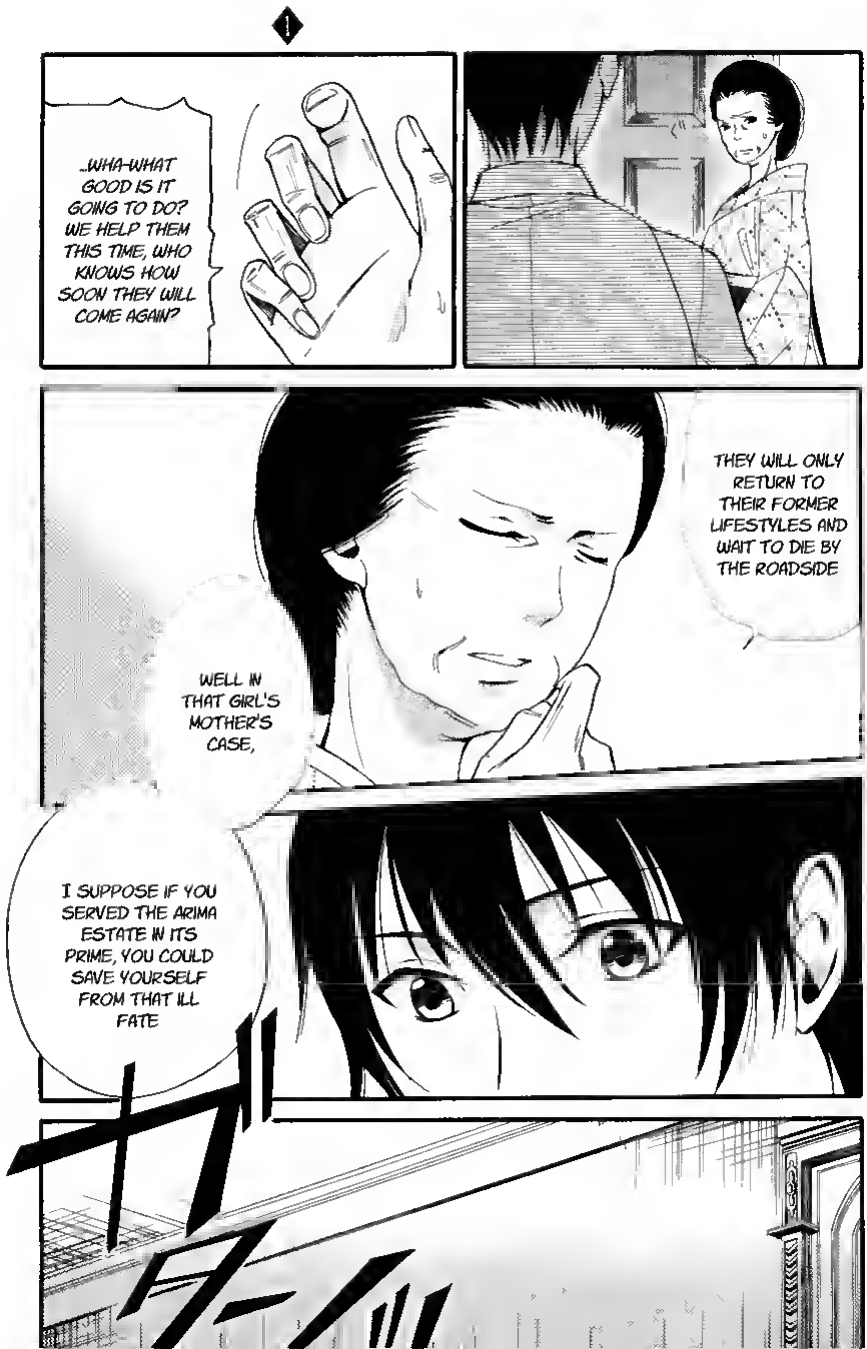
MOTHER
LEAVING RIGHT AFTER DIRTYING EVERYTHING! SO UNFATHOMABLY RUDE!
AND THIS...?!
THAT IS NOT THE PROBLEM.
WE DID NOT USE ANYTHING THAT IS YOURS, MOTHER.
THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH BLANKETS AND SHEETS WE HAD NO CHOICE
YES, MOTHER, I APOLOGIZE
DO NOT LOWER YOURSELF TO DO THE JOBS THE MAIDS ARE SUPPOSED TO DO!
JUST AS I HAVE ALWAYS SAID, YOU ARE OF A DIFFERENT PEDIGREE! PLEASE RECOGNIZE YOUR PLACE!

MOTHER
RIDICULOUS PEOPLE OF THAT SORT SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO SET FOOT INTO THE HOUSE
WHO KNOWS WHAT ITEMS HAVE GONE MISSING
THEY WERE DESPERATE
WHEN THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF HELP AS A NOBLEMAN
LENDING A HAND IS THE PROPER WAY TO CONDUCT ONESELF IS IT NOT?


...WHA-WHAT GOOD IS IT GOING TO DO? WE HELP THEM THIS TIME, WHO KNOWS HOW SOON THEY WILL COME AGAIN?
THEY WILL ONLY RETURN TO THEIR FORMER LIFESTYLES AND WAIT TO DIE BY THE ROADSIDE
WELL IN THAT GIRL'S MOTHER'S CASE,
I SUPPOSE IF YOU SERVED THE ARIMA ESTATE IN ITS PRIME, YOU COULD SAVE YOURSELF FROM THAT ILL FATE
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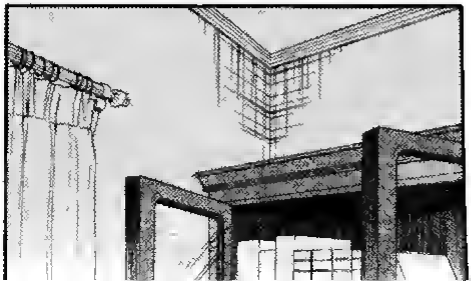
-WHAT...

...DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?



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Tsumura Yuri
I HAVE COME TO GREET YOU THIS AFTER-NOON. I AM TSUMURA.
MY MOTHER HAS PASSED AWAY

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[THE NAME OF THE FACTORY?]
[THE NOBLES RARELY NAME THEIR FACTORIES, YOU SEE.]
[KAWABATA SPINNING MILL WAS IT? I THINK THAT'S IT.]

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I WOULD NEVER HAVE COME...
...IF I HAD KNOWN.
THERE IS NO WAY I CAN FORGET.

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HANA.
MITSU... YUKI-SAMA...

THE RAIN FINALLY CLEARED UP...
YET THE CICADAS ARE NOT CRYING
YES..
I..HEARD ABOUT YOUR MOTHER.
AS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE NOW, I MUST APOLOGIZE TO YOU

...IN THE PAST, MITSUYUKI-SAMA HAS GIVEN ME A FOUNTAIN PEN
IF I MAY ASK...
CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FATHER?

HE WAS...A BUSY MAN
THE ARIMAS WERE NOT EVEN VISCOUNTS.
HE WAS SOMEONE WHO WOULD USE ANY MEANS TO RISE UP IN SOCIETY.
A WRITER?
MITSUYUKI, HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHAT YOU ARE SAYING RIGHT NOW?
YOU CANNOT LIVE IN BOOKS OR DAWDLE OUTSIDE AND DAYDREAM.
YOUR JOB WILL NOT BE SITTING IN FRONT OF A DESK AND SCRIBBLING RANDOM THOUGHTS ON A PIECE OF PAPER.

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I ..JUST HAPPENED TO ENJOY READING BOOKS AND WATCHING FLOWERS.
MY FATHER THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE ME FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
ONCE, HE GAVE ME A CHANCE.
GO AHEAD WRITE
..I KNEW IT WAS ON A WHIM...

BUT I WAS SO HAPPY.

-DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?
MITSUYUKI
FROM THEN ON, HE ALIENATED ME.

.....
...ABOUT YOUR MOTHER AS WELL.
THERE ARE TIMES YOU NEED TO KILL YOUR EMOTIONS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER.
I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT.
BUT THAT SIMPLY CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED.

I HAVE HEARD STORIES..OF FEMALE WORKERS PASSING AWAY AT OTHER FACTORIES AS WELL.
THE CHILDREN WHO LOST THEIR PARENTS, THE PARENTS WHO LOST THEIR DAUGHTERS,
IT IS VERY COMMON IN NAGOYA.
EVERYONE IS DOING THEIR BEST
I DON'T FEEL SO UNFORTU-NATE,
ESPECIALLY WHEN MITSUYUKI-SAMA IS SINCERELY APOLOGIZING

EVERYONE IS PROBABLY SUFFERING..
BUT BECAUSE THEY UNDER-STAND, THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT IT
BUT...

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IF WE PRETEND IT DID NOT HAPPEN, IT WILL GO AWAY EVENTUALLY.
WE CAN LIVE ON WITH THE SAME LIFESTYLE, UN-DISTURBED
THAT'S WHY,

I BEG OF YOU...

PLEASE FORGNE US.
RIGHT NOW..
PLEASE LET ME APOLO-GIZE.

...I AM VERY SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY...

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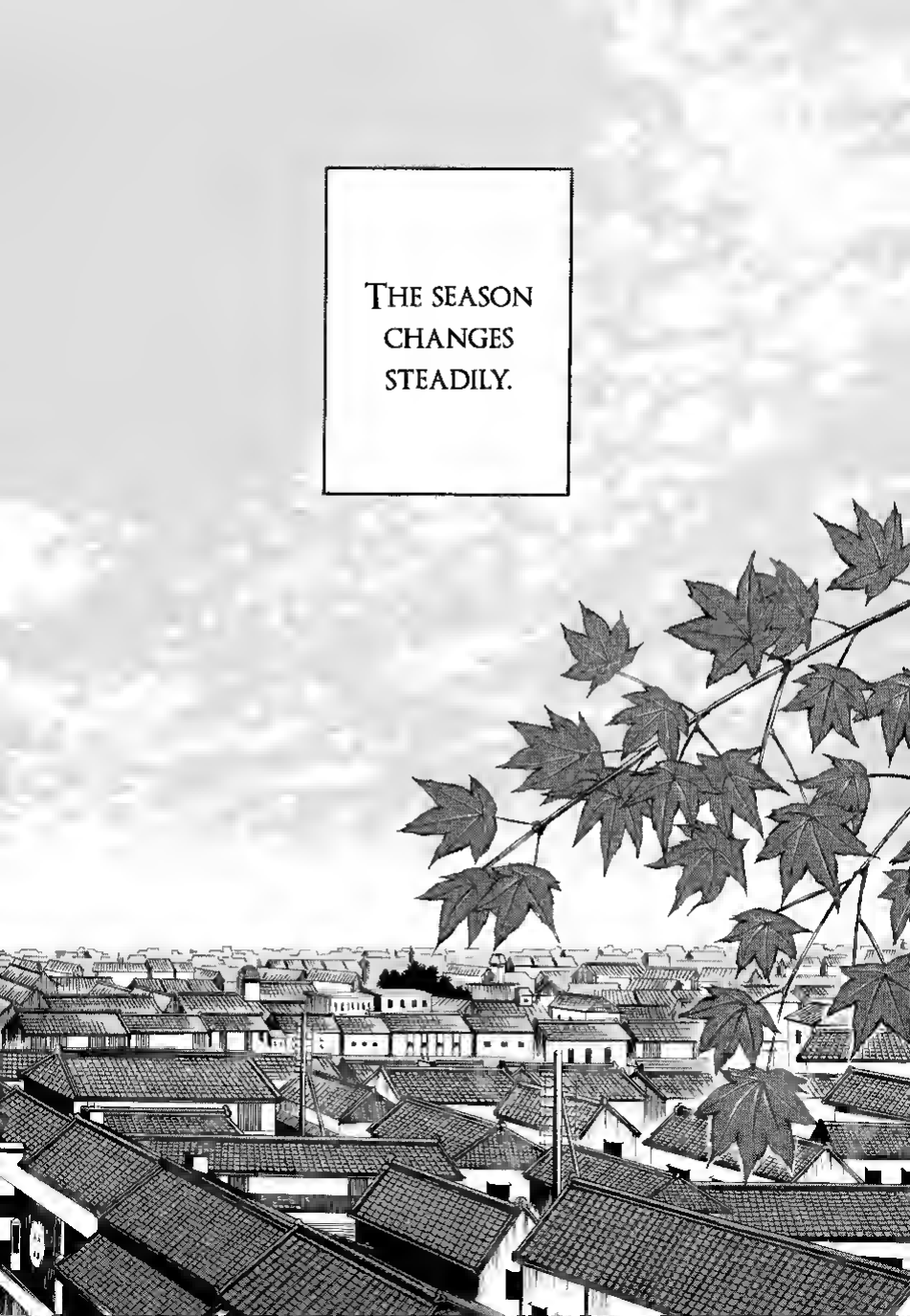
Instead of the cicada's cries,
Mitsuyuki-sama's voice echoed in my ears.
The rainy season has passed,
Summer has ended.


THE SEASON
CHANGES
STEADILY.

AH-CHOO!
IT SUDDENLY GOT SO CHILLY LATELY, MY BODY CAN'T KEEP UP~
GOODNESS, THAT'S DISGUSTING! COVER YOUR MOUTH, AT LEAST!
I'M SORRY- IT'S BEEN GETTING NASTY LATELY..
OH, ARE YOU CATCHING A COLD TOO?
AH, YES. JUST RECENTLY...
BUT I AM FINE, REALLY.
IT ALL DEPENDS ON RESILIENCE FOR IT TO DEVELOP MAKE SURE YOU GET ENOUGH REST, OKAY?
YES, MA'AM.

WITH YOUR TYPE OF BODY, YOU PROBABLY JUST WRAP YOURSELF IN TWO BLANKETS AND ROLL UP TO SLEEP
HEY!! THAT'S NOT NICE!

WELL, YOU DON'T LOOK SICK.
HMM? I GUESS SO
JUST DON'T CATCH A COLD

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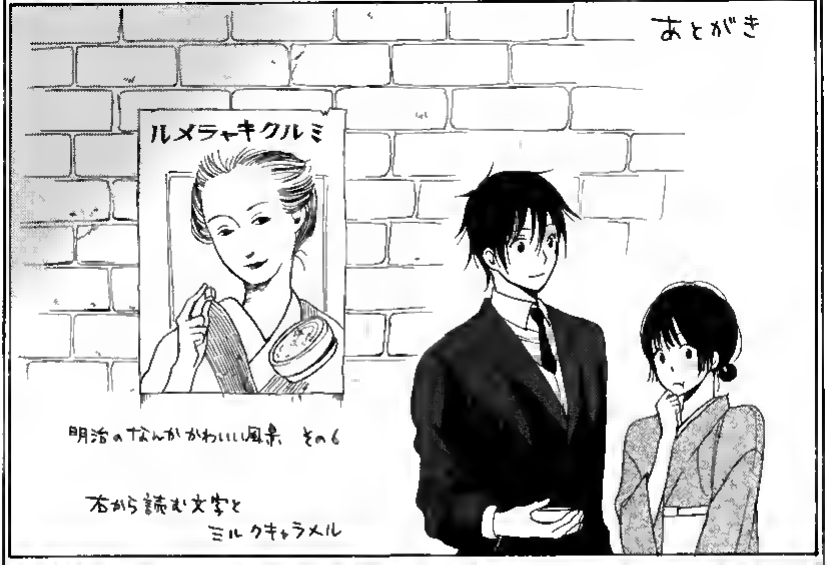

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みなしぶまちです

初連載
初コミクス
初明治です

読んで下さって
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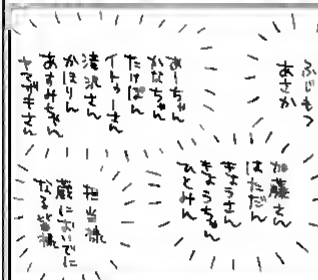
この本を出すまでに
たくさんの方々にお世話に
なりました。



ありがとうございます

最近はもっぱら一人で
妄想して遊んでいます。

よろしければ2巻も
お願いします
二人ともがんばります

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